

# September 15, 2021

## Hello, Citizens!

It has been a long day, sending out a bit early. There will likely be more school exposures tonight and will update tomorrow. The situation report from today is included.

## Tragic Case

### Content Warning: Infant Death

A previous newsletter noted that distressing information had been received, but could not yet be verified. Since that time, the following [go-fund-me](https://www.gofundme.com/f/rest-recovery-and-healing-for-sav-shayne) has been publicly released. Details of the case are included in the write-up. I will not disclose any additional information, as this is a traumatic moment for the community and their family.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/rest-recovery-and-healing-for-sav-shayne>

These tragedies are preventable with sufficient vaccination and approach preventative measures. These families deserve better. Our community deserves better.

## School Exposures (Past 14 Days)

BC School Tracker Data - September 15, 2021

**7 new exposures** were reported at the time of this newsletter. There have been **64 exposures** reported in **week two** (Sep 11-17), and **71 total exposures** since week one.

Please note, four additional exposures occurred following yesterday's newsletter and were subsequently added. Exposure dates are reported in brackets. Bolded information released today.

*Exposures are dropped from newsletter once two weeks have passed since the date of exposure. The total exposure list with documentation can be found at the [BC School Covid Tracker database](#).*

## **FRASER HEALTH**

**Chilliwack - Promontory Heights Community Elementary (Sep 9, 10)**

**Surrey - Cloverdale Traditional (Sep 9, 10)**

**Mission - Windebank Elementary (Sep 8, 9, 10)**

**Langley - Langley Christian Elementary (Sep 7, 8, 9)**

**Delta - Gray Elementary (Sep 7)**

Abbotsford - St. James and St. Anns Elementary (Sep 7, 8, 9)

Abbotsford - Clayburn Middle School (Sep 7, 8)

Abbotsford - Yale Secondary (Sep 7)

Campbell River - École Willow Point Elementary (Sep 7, 8, 9)

Chilliwack - Strathcona Elementary (Exp 1: Sep 7, 8, 9, 10)

Chilliwack - Strathcona Elementary (Exp 2: Sep 7, 8, 9, 10)

Chilliwack - Tyson Elementary (Sep 7, 8)

Chilliwack - Watson Elementary (Sep 7, 8)

Chilliwack - Chilliwack Secondary (Sep 7)

Chilliwack - Vedder Middle School (Sep 7)

Delta - Seaquam Secondary (Sep 7, 8, 9)

Langley - Lynn Fripps Elementary (unknown, notified Sep 14)

Langley - Richard Bulpitt Elementary (Sep 7, 8)

Maple Ridge - Whonnock Elementary (Exp 3: Sep 8, 9, 10)

Maple Ridge - Whonnock Elementary (Exp 2: Sep 8, 9, 10)

Maple Ridge - Whonnock Elementary (Exp 1: Sep 8, 9, 10)


Maple Ridge - Kanaka Creek Elementary (Exp 3: Sep 8, 9)

Maple Ridge - Kanaka Creek Elementary (Exp 1: Sep 7, 8, 9)

Maple Ridge - Kanaka Creek Elementary (Exp 2: Sep 7, 8, 9)

**BC SCHOOL COVID TRACKER**  
**HOW TO REPORT A SCHOOL EXPOSURE**

- 1 Get you or your family member **TESTED**, even if symptoms are mild.
- 2 If the test is positive email your school and BCC or CC us @ [bcschoolcovid@protonmail.com](mailto:bcschoolcovid@protonmail.com)
- 3 **In the email include:**
  - Confirm that someone in your household as tested positive.
  - The date of the positive test.
  - Dates of potential exposure (dates you or your family member were in the school while infectious).
  - Name of the school.



**YOUR IDENTITY WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL ON OUR DATABASE**

Maple Ridge - Kanaka Creek Elementary (Sep 7, 8)  
New Westminster - École Qayqayt Elementary (Sep 8)  
Port Coquitlam - École Kwayhquitlum Middle (Sep 7)  
Rosedale - Rosedale Traditional Community (Sep 7)  
Surrey - Martha Currie Elementary (Sept 7, 8, 9, 10)  
Surrey - Semiahmoo Secondary (Sep 7, 8, 9, 10)  
Surrey - Sullivan Heights Secondary (Sep 7, 8, 9, 10)  
Surrey - Cloverdale Traditional (Exp 1; Sep 7, 8)  
Surrey - Cloverdale Traditional (Exp 2; Sep 7, 8)  
Surrey - Cambridge Elementary (Sep 7)  
White Rock - White Rock Elementary (Sep 7, 8, 9, 10)

### ***INTERIOR HEALTH***

Alexis Creek - Tl'etinqox School (Sep 7)  
Golden - Alexander Park Elementary (Sep 8)  
Kamloops - Sa-hali Secondary (Sep 10)  
Kamloops - Twin Rivers Education Centre (Sep 8)  
Kamloops - Westsyde Secondary Sep 7)  
Kelowna - École KLO Middle School (Sep 8, 9, 10)

### ***NORTHERN HEALTH***

Prince George - Heritage Elementary (Exp 3: Sep 7, 8, 9)  
Prince George - Heritage Elementary (Exp 2: Sep 7, 8, 9)  
Prince George - Heritage Elementary (Exp 1: Sep 7, 8, 9)

### ***VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH***

Richmond - John G Diefenbaker Elementary (Sep 7, 8, 9)

### ***VANCOUVER ISLAND HEALTH***

**Courtenay - Valley View Elementary (Sep 10)**  
**Duncan - Queen of Angels School (Sep 8, 9)**

Campbell River - École Willow Point Elementary (Sep 7, 8, 9)  
Campbell River - Sandowne Elementary (Sep 7)  
Courtenay - Valley View Elementary (Sep 10)  
Cowichan Bay - Bench Elementary (unknown, notified Sep 10)  
Duncan - Cowichan Secondary (unknown, notified Sep 12)  
Duncan - Quamichan School (unknown, notified Sep 12)  
Duncan - Cowichan Secondary (Exp 1: Sep 7, 8, 9, 10)  
Duncan - Cowichan Secondary (Exp 2: Sep 7, 8, 9, 10)

Duncan - Drinkwater Elementary (Sep 7, 8, 9)  
Duncan - Drinkwater Elementary (Sep 7, 8)  
Mill Bay - Frances Kelsey Secondary School (unknown, notified Sep 10)  
Nanaimo - Departure Bay Elementary (Sep 8)  
Nanaimo - Brechin Elementary (Sep 7, 8)  
Port Alberni - Alberni Elementary (Sep 7, 8)  
Shawnigan Lake - Discovery School (unknown, notified Sep 14)  
Sooke - Journey Middle School (Sep 8)  
Victoria - Campus View Elementary (Sep 8, 9, 10)  
Victoria - Sir James Douglas Elementary (Sep 8, 9, 10)  
Victoria - Spencer Middle School (Sep 7, 9)  
Victoria - Victor-Brodeur (Sep 7, 8, 9)  
Victoria - Monterey Middle School (Sep 7, 8)  
Victoria - Lake Hill Elementary (Sep 7)

## Situation Report (August 29 - September 4)

*Note. These data are two weeks old and many under-estimate current transmission. Values are compared to the previous week's situation report.*

### Overview

BC Positivity Rate: ~9% (MSP)

There were 4,123 cases during this time period. There were 4,070 cases during the previous one-week period.

### Per Capita Rates

BC (per 100k): 79 (+1)

Fraser (per 100k): 69 (+8)

Interior (per 100k): 159 (-18)

Northern (per 100k): 169 (+62)

Vancouver Coastal (per 100k): 47 (-7)

Vancouver Island (per 100k): 42 (-2)

### Provincial Overview

Hospitalizations: 251 per week (+76)

ICU Admissions: 82 per week (+39)

Deaths: 21 per week (-12)

Median Case Age: 34 (/)

Median Hospitalization Age: 62 (/)

Median ICU Age: 62 (/)

Median Death Age: 84 (/)

There have been **17 confirmed cases of MIS-C**. The median age of is 8.0 years old; the age range has been 1 - 15 years old.

### Infection Sources

International Exposures: 36  
Interprovincial Exposures: 73  
Local Exposures: 1,853  
Local Unknown: 1,329  
Pending/Missing: 832

**At the time of the report, 52.0% of cases were from unknown transmission.** This is expected, as public health officials [Drs. Mark Lysyshyn, Reka Gustafson, Mel Krajden, Manish Sadarangani, Nomi Mate, Simon Moore; for future inquiries] told British Columbia's care providers that "**contact tracing has quietly been scaled back**; there's a **plan to lift the recently reintroduced mask mandate**; and they **may not recommend child vaccinations against COVID-19**, even if vaccines are approved for such use by federal regulators." More can be read in the [CTV article by Penny Daflos](#).

### MSP Positivity Rate

*Note. These values reflect the targeted testing for citizens, rather than ALL testing, which includes screenings tests used for private uses and are expected to be negative (which lowers the positivity rate).*

Fraser: 6.5%  
Interior: 15.5%  
Northern: 24.0%  
Vancouver Coastal: 7.0%  
Vancouver Island: 6.5%

## Daily Case Information

### BCCDC Dashboard - September 15, 2021

There were **661 new cases of COVID-19**, over the last 24 hours.

In the **past 24 hours, 46 people were hospitalized** within BC. **7 deaths** were reported, for a total of 1,873.

Total Cases Children < 10: 10,730 (+64)

Total Cases Children 10 - 19: 19,500 (+83)

\*Note. B.C. primarily only tests symptomatic children.

Of the 661 cases in B.C. since yesterday, 147 cases were in children < 19. Children < 19 accounted for **22% of the cases**.

## **New LTC/Acute Outbreaks**

**Provincial Health Services Authority Data - September 15, 2021**

**FH - Menno Terrace (15-Sep-21)**

## **Ongoing LTC/Acute Outbreaks**

**Provincial Health Services Authority Data - September 15, 2021**

Brackets indicate start date of outbreak.

FH - Westminster House (14-Sep-21)

FH - Chilliwack General Hospital (30-Aug-21)

FH - Northcrest Care Centre (02-Sep-21)

FH - Menno Home (02-Sep-21)

IH - Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (13-Sep-21)

IH - Joseph Creek Care Village (03-Sep-21)

IH - The Hamlets at Westsyde (01-Sep-21)

IH - Hillside Village (01-Sep-21)

IH - Kamloops Seniors Village (27-Aug-21)

IH - Spring Valley Care Center (24-Aug-21)

IH - Sun Pointe Village (20-Aug-21)

IH - Hardy View Lodge (19-Aug-21)

IH - Village at Mill Creek (12-Aug-21)

IH - David Lloyd Jones (11-Aug-21)

IH - Cottonwoods Care Centre (04-Aug-21)

IH - Brookhaven Care Centre (02-Aug-21)

NH - Jubilee Lodge (06-Sep-21)

NH - Fort St. John Hospital - Inpatient Unit (27-Aug-21)

NH - Site C Hydroelectric Dam Project (16-Aug-21)

VCH - OPAL by Element (08-Sep-21)

VCH - Louis Brier Home & Hospital (03-Sep-21)

VCH - Arbutus Care Centre (30-Aug-21)

VIH - Sunset Lodge Salvation Army (27-Aug-2021)

## Health District Information

### BCCDC Data - September 15, 2021

Brackets indicate change since last numbers provided.

237 new cases in Fraser Health

Current Hospitalized: 94 (-2)

Current ICU: 37 (-3)

Total active: 1,744

99 new cases in Vancouver Coastal Health

Current Hospitalized: 71 (+10)

Current ICU: 26 (-1)

Total active cases: 1,037

196 new cases in Interior Health

Current Hospitalized: 53 (-6)

Current ICU: 47 (+5)

Total active cases: 1,536

62 new cases in Northern Health

Current Hospitalized: 46 (+5)

Current ICU: 12 (-4)

Total active cases: 849

66 new cases on Island Health

Current Hospitalized: 24 (-2)

Current ICU: 15 (-1)

Total active cases: 615

## Positivity Rate (7-day moving average)

### BCCDC Data - September 15, 2021

Fraser Health: 4.9%

Interior Health: 10.2%

Northern Health: 21.9%

Vancouver Coastal Health: 3.5%

Vancouver Island Health: 7.1%

British Columbia: 6.2%


"Note: % positivity increased as the testing strategy focused on high risk populations and decreased with the implementation of universal testing."

The BCCDC dashboard now includes the following quote. Access to testing has

continued to be restricted and these numbers are likely under-estimated. These rates also include non-MSP (screening) testing.


## Canary Tips!

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**Pregnant AND Vaccinated**

The Delta variant, a strain of COVID-19, is more contagious and causes more severe illness in everyone, including pregnant people. If you are pregnant, you have a compromised immune system. If you contract the Delta variant, you may be at risk for premature birth or a C-section. Please get vaccinated if you are able.




Canary Tips!



**Always Get Tested**

Individuals across B.C. have reported being told they could not access a covid test, including in emergency departments. If this happens to you, ask them to document their refusal in writing and to get a photocopy of that note. It is legally your health information. You can also report your covid positive test to anyone you choose to. This is YOUR health information. Regardless of what they tell you. If they state you cannot tell anyone, again ask for written documentation of that statement.



Canary Tips!



**Buy An Oximeter**

Watch out for breathing difficulties, lethargy, and high fever. If you're concerned, please seek medical attention. If you have a family doctor, touch base with them ASAP!







## B.C. Rapid Test Supply

### Government of Canada Data - September 15, 2021

Used: 125,773 (4.5%)

Deployed: 686,445 (24.5%)

Shipped: 2,796,506

## Presser Transcripts

The most recent presser transcript, from September 13, is available for download [here](#), or can be found at <https://project-canary.org/community-activism/>.

**Chat soon, Crystal**

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